

SENATE RESOLUTION 86

By Stevens

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Keller J. Smith upon winning Huntingdon Middle School's Spelling Bee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as academic achievers; and

WHEREAS, Keller J. Smith is one such exceptional student, who recently won first place in the Huntingdon Middle School Spelling Bee; and

WHEREAS, to claim the victory, Keller correctly spelled the final word "oregano," besting nineteen other students from grades five through eight, many of whom were older and more experienced than the eleven-year-old fifth grader; and

WHEREAS, Keller Smith will now go on to compete in the West Tennessee Regional Spelling Bee to be held at Union University in the Carl Grant Events Center in Jackson on March 5, 2016; and

WHEREAS, for placing first in the spelling bee, Keller received a gold dollar donated by Carroll Bank & Trust, a certificate, and a trophy; and

WHEREAS, an honor student, Keller Smith actively raises money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and enjoys running; and

WHEREAS, Keller's display of intellectual aptitude surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Scott and Shawna Smith, his school, and his community and is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Keller J. Smith upon winning the Huntingdon Middle School Spelling Bee and wish him every continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.